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PHALGUNA SAKA ACTIVITIES OF ANTHROPOLOGY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements and activities of anthropology during the last three years; and

(b) the details of research work undertaken during the Ninth Five Year Plan and above mentioned period?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) During the last three years, the Anthropological Survey of India undertook the work on the National Research Projects viz, Cultural Dimension of Tourism : Biosphere Reserve, Dormitory System among the tribes of India, Study of Syncretism : A multidisciplinary approach, DNA Polymorphism in Ancient Skeletal & Contemporary Indian Populations and Growth and Development of Children in India. Field works have been completed and the reports are ready for presentation in the National Workshops to be undertaken by the Survey. The Survey has also established DNA Laboratories at Mysore, Nagpur and Kolkata where DNA analysis is in progress to study the biological diversity of the people of India. The Survey has also collaborated with the Archaeological Survey of India and Geological Survey of India for excavation at the palaeontological sites located along Narmada Basin. The National Conference on 'Human Origins, Genome and People of India' held in March, 2004 recommended DNA bankin g of named populations.

(b) During the Ninth Five Year Plan period altogether nine research projects namely Study of Scheduled Castes : Structure and Transformation, Study of Health and Health Care Issues, Nutritional Status of Indian Population, Urban Anthropology, Study of Crafts and Craftsmanship, Regionalism and Development : Anthropological Ecological and Psychological Perspectives; Study of Folk Art, Folk Music and Folk tradition; Management of Environment and National Resources : Study on traditional wisdom in Tribal Society and Growth and Development of Children : Bio-Cultural Perspective were undertaken and the reports have already been published in book form as well as special issue of the Journal of the Anthropological Survey of India. Some more issues are under publication.